

SUBMISSION

In providing this submission I refer directly to the key provisions of the legislation which may be amended.

1. Removing High Value Agriculture and Irrigated High Value Agriculture from the Vegetation Management Framework	The removal of hva and ihva from the framework has completely taken away the possibility of me and my family drought proofing our operation or the possibility of creating another income stream through the growing of fodder on land that is otherwise not very productive. These hva and ihva projects large and small create employment and stimulate economic development in communities in qld and by taking them away more people are going to be out of work which is the last thing this state needs.
2. Retaining Self-Assessable Codes	The previous self-assessable code system worked fairly for me and most other landholders that I talk to , they hasten the time it takes to get on with the job of vegetation management, most property owners / managers have enough to do without all the extra work and time that would be required to undertake development assessment and approval under the proposed changes , not to mention the extra cost to the property owner and the government
3. Including High Value Regrowth as an additional layer of regulation under the Vegetation Management Framework on leasehold, freehold and indigenous land	The inclusion of high value regrowth just like that with no consultation at the stroke of a pen has taken away earning potential of approximately 20% of my property and I'm certain it will affect many other people the area that has been changed on my map is currently infested with a declared pest plant so controlling that is going to be near impossible
4. Increasing Category R regrowth watercourse vegetation to include additional catchments in the Burnett Mary, Eastern Cape York and Fitzroy Great Barrier Reef Catchments.	I wonder how any of DEVELOPING THE NORTH and the jobs and economic stimulation that come with this is ever going to happen if it's not a possibility in the first place due to all the new regulations that have been added overnight without any consultation
5. That no compensation will be payable to landholders subject to added layers of regulation – high value regrowth, regrowth watercourses and essential habitat during transitional arrangements	The cost to us in lost production on our property alone if these new regulations become law estimate will be about about 40% of what we expected to earn once we finished development work . Once this land is locked up and of no use to me or anybody else begs the question. Should compensation be payable?
6. Increasing compliance measures and penalties under vegetation management laws.	The fact that the government wants to increase compliance and penalties only adds more time and red tape to the workload of primary producers who are already finding it hard enough to survive is troubling , as it stands now there are not to many people doing the wrong thing and increasing penalties seems more a money grab than a deterrent

7. Other matters relevant to the Vegetation Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 that the review committee should consider appropriate and worth some consideration

In the short time I have had to study the proposed new codes I have taken interest in the thinning code as that was to be part of our future development on our property, from what I am reading of the new thinning code compared to the old one will make our property completely unviable as I think it will to many other producers I wonder once this land is deemed useless what we do to earn a living. Some of the proposed changes of note are as follows in the wet tropics where I am.

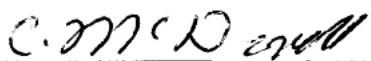
Thinning allowed in 5 regional ecosystems now previously 11

No thinning on slopes greater than 5% was 10% before

Previously no area limits now 10% of cat b vegetation

Distance from watercourses has effectively doubled

Plus many more changes that make it pretty much impossible for me to further develop this property.

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